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revealed another video camera on the roof at the 2/3 corner.

The "3" side has a large sliding glass door under a small shade cover. The informant relates that just inside the sliding glass door is a huge indoor jacuzzi capable of seating at least eight persons. The back yard is immense in comparison with the rest of the neighborhood, and is approximately one acre in size. A large pavilion is in the rear and shelters a barbecue, wet bar, refrigerator and tables.

The "4" side has two wings. The wing to the east is reported to be an inside gymnasium for the suspect and guards, and has two bedrooms which are being used as living space by the guards. Aerial photographs reveal another video camera on the wall at the 3/4 corner of the east wing and several pedestrian doors on both sides of this wing. The wing on the left is a large (five-car) garage with the garage door exiting to the "1" side. A pedestrian door can be seen on the "3" side of the west wing near the intersection of this wing and the main house. The

space between the wings and the house has been determined to be a large kitchen. The informant reports seeing walk-in refrigerators and other appliances similar to those found in restau-

Suspect Information

The suspect uses this location for business transactions. His residence is hundreds of miles away in another part of the state, and he uses this house only when he is conducting business. He is a "kilo dealer," and will only deal in large quantities. It is reported he can provide as much as 20 kilos with 24-hours notice. He is well connected locally, and the informant reports that he has close associations with members of government, both locally and statewide. In particular, the informant has witnessed the suspect "running" license plates and obtaining other sensitive information.

Constraints

The warrant may be served in both day and nighttime. You are restricted only by your imagination and the rules of legal and ethical conduct.

Requirement

Develop a plan to provide an effective entry. The emphasis is on planning an approach, and you need not describe the actual entry. Provide an overlay, if necessary, and describe your plan in sufficient detail to explain your reasoning. Send your solution to The Tactical Edge, P.O. Box 1412, La Mirada, CA 90637-1412.

Tactical Terminology

Terrain Analysis (micro-terrain vs. prominent terrain)

Micro-terrain is simply terrain which will have an impact on your operation but is too small or insignificant to be depicted on a map. Examples of micro-terrain may include sheds, rocks, fences, plants or ditches. It is micro-terrain which requires diagrams and sketches to be made instead of using commercial maps.

The reverse of micro-terrain is prominent terrain. Prominent terrain is any terrain feature which can be easily identified and is displayed on a map. Prominent terrain may include features such as hills, road intersections, rivers, bridges and cultural landmarks, such as churches or schools. Prominent terrain is most often used to orient a person as to direction and distance.

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